

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 5, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

In such a relay system, e-mail to which image information is attached in TIFF file format is transferred to IFAX 101, which is the relay apparatus, from PC 113, which is a request source. For example, in a destination field of a header of this e-mail, there is described one in which information, which designates the type of channel to be used in IFAX 101, and dial information of FAXes 114 to 118 are inserted to a mail address of IFAX 101. A relay requester can ~~transmits~~ transmit the fact of whether the transmitted e-mail indicates a relay request or not, dial information of e-mail relay destination, and the type of channel to be used in transferring e-mail to IFAX based on the above e-mail address.

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 7, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

Additionally, a plurality of communication means is attached to IFAX 101 in order to execute communication via a plurality of channels. More specifically, ~~IAFA~~ IFAX 101 is provided with four network channels of 1ch to 4ch so as to execute communication via the plurality of different channels. A user attaches option boards 213 to 216, which are communication means that ~~performs~~ perform different communications, to connector 209 to 212 corresponding to the respective network channels, whereby carrying out a plurality

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of communications using a plurality of different channels (four kinds in this embodiment).

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 9, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

Regarding option boards 213 to 216 to be connected to connectors 209 to 212, the user can arbitrarily select the option board and ~~attaches~~ attach it. This allows IFAX 101 to have the function of performing communication using a desired communication channel. In addition, if any one of option boards 213 to 216 ~~are~~ is connected to any one of connectors 209 to 212, IFAX 101 ~~operates~~ can work.